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FACULTY PROFILE

Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder, a part of experience. . . He that travelleth into a country before he hath some entrance into the language, goeth to school, and not to travel.

—Francis Bacon

This past summer in Rio de Janeiro, a large group, made up of people from all parts of the globe, and sharing a common interest, gathered under one roof for a meeting of the International Geographical Union. Among the distinguished members was Dr. Earl B. Shaw, author, lecturer, world traveller, and professor of geography at State Teachers College, Worcester, Massachusetts.

When Earl Shaw was growing up, geography was to him just another subject among many which he was required to study in school. The son of a country doctor, he gave little thought to the possibility of ever leaving his home town of Monroe, Iowa, a little community of one thousand inhabitants. To him, China, Alaska, the Nile River, and the Andes Mountains were just names on a map and he never dreamed that some day in the future he might visit these places to further his education.

Even as he was handed a high school diploma, the possibility of attending college never entered his mind for Mr. Shaw had visions of becoming a successful businessman. In a few short years he developed a lucrative business in his home community, dealing in grain, livestock, poultry, and dairy products. World War I, however, interrupted his business career and altered the course of his life so completely that the events that followed tell a story that might be the product of a Hollywood screen writer's imagination.

While serving in the army, Earl Shaw, stationed near the Mexican border, developed pneumonia, an illness which left him in poor health for quite some time. Realizing that it would be to his advantage to occupy his mind with education during the period of recuperation, Mr. Shaw decided that some courses in business administration would be helpful to him later on when he would be well enough to return to Iowa and carry on his business once again. At Washington University in St. Louis, where he enrolled as a full time student, his chief interest was economics, the subject in which he majored. In his senior year, however, a course in geography and an interested professor crossed his path and Earl Shaw, businessman from Iowa, became Earl Shaw, teacher at Washington University.

Under the influence and guidance of the head of the geography department of Washington University, Mr. Shaw carried on his studies at the graduate school, majoring in geography, and working, first, as a laboratory assistant, and later as an instructor. Upon receiving his Master of Science Degree, he was urged by officials at Washington University to remain at the school and study for his doctorate, but Mr. Shaw felt that it would be more desirable to further his studies at a different university so that he would get a broader educational background. Three grants were offered to him . . . one by Chicago University, another by Wisconsin, and still another and the largest of the three, by Clark University.



DR. EARL B. SHAW

Thus it was at Clark that Earl Shaw took the courses for his doctor's degree, and with Clarence Jones of Northwestern University, did his field work in the Caribbean. His dissertation was based on geographic studies that he made of the Virgin Islands (1931-1932).

While engaged in field work, Dr. Shaw took time out to serve as a visiting professor at the University of Puerto Rico and there became acquainted with the geologist Howard Meyerhoff who induced him to join him at Smith College as a research associate, a position which proved to be interesting and valuable to Dr. Shaw.

In 1933 he once again established residence in Worcester and completed the required courses for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Among the professors who sat on the board for his final examination was Dr. Elsworth Huntington whose book, *Principles of Human Geography*, Dr. Shaw was later to revise at the invitation of the publisher. It was also in 1933 that Dr. Shaw was appointed to serve with the geography department of WSTC.

Few people have travelled as far and wide as Earl Shaw. After his first year of teaching in Worcester, he spent the summer in the Ardeche region of France. Two years later (1936) on the closing day of school, Dr. Shaw left Worcester by train and started on a journey around the world. Sailing from the west coast on board *The Empress of Canada*, he crossed the Pacific Ocean and made his first stop at the Hawaiian Islands; from there he travelled to Japan, China and Manchuria. By means of the Trans-Siberian Railway, he crossed the U.S.S.R. and visited Moscow and

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Leningrad. During the final two weeks before sailing for the United States from Copenhagen, Dr. Shaw toured parts of Europe. His well planned trip brought him back to Worcester just in time for the opening of school. Incredible as it may seem, the entire cost of this world trip was only \$1500. Since 1936, Dr. Shaw's travels have taken him to Alaska, Africa, South America, and other places too numerous to mention. This past summer, he visited South America for three weeks. After attending a conference in Rio, he flew over the Andes and toured Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia. He spent several days visiting Lima, Quito, and Bogota.

In 1952, Dr. Earl Shaw was the recipient of a Fulbright lectureship and spent a year of teaching, study, and travel in Egypt and other parts of Africa. Though it was at Ibrahim University in Cairo that he did most of his teaching, he also did some lecturing outside of the university. In his travels he visited the Holy Land and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. While in Africa, Dr. Shaw spent eight days on a passenger boat going downstream from the headwaters of the Nile River. This he considers one of the greatest experiences a geographer could have.

During his stay in Cairo, Dr. Shaw lived at the Samirimas, the only hotel in that city equipped (at that time) with steam heat. Here he met many interesting and important people from every part of the world and frequently exchanged greetings with Nasser's prede-

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STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The annual budget of the Finance Committee has been approved by the Council except for the appropriation to the Debating Society. The Council voted to cut off the appropriation to the Society due to its inactivity in recent years. The Debating Society asked for an opportunity to present its case to the Council and were accorded a hearing at which three of its officers appeared and spoke. After the hearing, the Council upheld its original vote on the appropriation. A letter has been sent to the Debating Society informing it of the Council's actions on the subject. The Council feels that the Debating Society may justify its request for an appropriation in the future by renewed activity among its members and by some positive contributions to the good of the College.

Recently the Council also voted its approval of a move by two Junior women to order College emblems for use on girls' blazer jackets. Since these emblems involve use of the state seal the President's approval is also required. College basketball is now under way. Your student ticket of admission to all Lancer home games is your Student Identification Card. Students who have paid their activity fee and have failed to obtain an Identification Card should contact one of their Council representatives in the near future.

Arthur E. DelPrete,
President.

Christmas Reflection

Jesus, born of God this day,
Someday to die!
God-Man, His humble destiny
Someday to die!
Lord-God, Advocate of Peace
Someday to die!

In less than two weeks the entire Christian world joins together in spirit to celebrate the most important event in the history of the world. No birth has influenced so many lives as has the birth of Christ, nearly two thousand years ago. Already we see signs of preparation. The streets of cities and towns are strung with multicolored banners and lights, and stores have their yuletide displays ready; jolly Santa is making his appearance. Soon the bite of snow will touch our faces and carollers will roam the streets heralding the coming of Christ.

Whether in the home of the rich or the poor, the babe in the manger whispers the same message of "peace on Earth good will toward men". It is a message of hope and faith; hope of a lasting peace throughout the world and brotherhood of all men, faith that God continues to watch over his creation and to be concerned with man's welfare.

Yet we know that on Christmas Day all will not be goodness, justice, and happiness. The tragedy and suffering in the world will not suddenly disappear; sorrow will not turn into joy; pain will not become pleasure; hate will not change to love; evil will not become good. The sorrow, pain, hate, and evil, however, will be lessened by the realization of the real reason of Christmas. It was through the humble birth of Jesus in the lonely stable, through His extreme suffering and His death on the cross that He chose to redeem us.

How lucky we are to be living in a land of freedom and plenty where we may celebrate Christmas in safety, worshiping in whatever Church we choose in whatever manner we choose.

On Christmas day we will not be forced to hunt among the rubble of bombarded homes for our daily sustenance as the Hungarians will, not knowing even if we will survive to see the next day. Nor will we be slaving in a Siberian labor camp, hoping for a quick death. Rather we will wake to the soft toll of churchbells and the fragrant aroma of roast turkey. As we make our way to the church we will laugh and perhaps sing. And when we return home again to all the good things waiting there we will be just about the most good-natured, happiest individuals you could wish to see.

I hope we will be happy on Christmas day and throughout the entire holiday season, but I also hope we do not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas as it seems so many people are. Stop a while on Christmas day and con-

sider the reasons we celebrate it. And also, when you go to your Church on Christmas offer a prayer or two for those people not so fortunate.

J. J. M.

CLUB NEWS

The DRAMATIC CLUB, under the direction of Miss O'Donnell, presented its annual play last Tuesday evening. Though the Acorn had already gone to press and could not comment on the play after its showing, the paper is certain that the play was a success, following in the footsteps of a long list of such enjoyable accomplishments as have been presented in the past under Miss O'Donnell's guidance. The members of the cast were: Gail Polini as Barbara Brooks, Christine Kimbar as Mrs. Lila Brooks, Gail Cotton as Betsy Brooks, Dorothy Nanchu as Jill Higgins, Louise MacPhee as Mrs. Carol Willis, Mary O'Gorman as Mrs. Monica Russell, Sandra Hickey as Ruthie, Carol Yuskievich as Louise, Malcolm Kilborn as Mr. Horace Brooks, Rocco Pettinella as Bruce Brooks, Ronald Richard as Jerry Caldwell, John Scott as Shipahoy (Rodney) Russell, David P. Rowe as Mr. Edgar Russell, Thomas Foley as Mr. Claude Willis, James McGuirk as Pee Wee, and Stanley Nelson as Jughead.

The annual Christmas Concert was presented on Thursday, December 6, by the GLEE CLUB of the college; once again, a successful program presented by many hard working members under the direction of Miss Kendrick. The club presented a variation of Christmas carols and secular music which warranted the long hours of hard work and practice put in by the members.

Soloists included Gerald Dottin, Nancy Forsberg, Ronald Herrick, Thomas Jackson, Ewald Olofson, June Racicot, John Scott, and Claire Tierney.

The accompanists were Judith Hosmer, Elaine Curran, Theresa Dowgiewicz, and Janice Haskins.

Extra spirit was added to the program by Anthea Ponte's playing of the autoharp and Jane Kelly's music on the bells.

A similar program was presented last Monday at the Public School Principals' Tea at the Chandler Street Junior High School.

The AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS ASSOCIATION, with Mr. Robert Patterson as advisor, has a total of over forty members. Officers of the

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Best Seller List

(According to the New York Times
—Week of December 9.)

Fiction

- Peyton Place—Metalious.

- Don't Go Near the Water — Brinkley.

- Auntie Mame—Dennis.

General

- The Nun's Story—Hulme.

- This Hallowed Ground—Catton.

- Profiles in Courage—Kennedy.

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EDITORIAL

We are in the midst of the holiday season—a period of joy, happiness, and friendliness. In a matter of a few days, the climax will descend upon us steadily yet with a suddenness which is so common as we anticipate the coming of Christmas and following closely behind, New Year's Day.

Let us reflect Christmas morning on the true meaning of the day, of its hopes, its anticipations, its dreams for a better future.

May we try, at least more forcefully than we did last year, to carry this spirit deeply into the coming year. For only when every day is Christmas Day in every heart, and the spirit of the season captures all throughout the year, can we hope to move toward a lasting peace among men and nations; a world free from want, free from fear, free from antagonisms, and the threat of destruction.

To all of you, from all of us:

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Ode to Ego

I—the lonely.

In my lonely plight,
The beacon of my heart
Displays its searching light.

I—the searcher.

In the darkened world of night,
Companion for my worldly soul
Awaits my love, my trust, my plight.

I—the supreme.

Search, oh Beacon
In the night.
I thirst for love,
But may I cite:
Be her beautiful, but dumb,
Intelligence fed on morsel and crumb.

Thus I remain
Alone in fame
Pillar of Intellect and Might!

Euterpe

CITY

Stern spectre walls
Like forests petrified arise
On either side of caverns
Bleak and dull.
Dashes the wind 'round razor corners,
Bereft of Taffeta Trees
And Ticklish Blades of Grass,
Yowls like a babe without dam.
Everywhere, the little animals dash,
Grappling, bartering, hoarding,
Driven before the storm.
And oppressed am I.
Until above, a patch of raven
And nature's lovely child, a star,
Appears.
Then I breathe.

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Club News

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club are: President — Paul Davis; Vice-President — Robert O'Brien; Secretary-Treasurer—Phil Di Dio. During the monthly meetings students are given group and individual assistance in the manual operation of various equipment such as the movie projector, tape recorder, portable screens, microphone systems, and other skills which will enable them to become better teachers in the fast growing use of audio - visual instruction in our schools.

Initiation of new members of GAMMA CHI CHAPTER of KAPPA DELTA PI was held on October 22. There are at present twenty-two student members and seven faculty members.

The newly initiated members are: Jane DeFalco, Arthur Del Prete, Mylan Dunn, Vera Eaton, George Ford, Janice Harrington, Carole Lalone, Helen Levine, Eleanor Riordan, Elizabeth Thompson, and Mary Walsh.

At the initiation, Dr. Edmund Osborne, past faculty advisor for twenty-nine years, was presented the honor key by John Neal past president. Dr. Marvin Bernstein was the guest speaker of the evening choosing "Academic Freedom" as his topic.

The recent activities of the GEOGRAPHY CLUB included a very enjoyable trip to Boston to see the "Seven Wonders of the World." Everyone had a good time. At the last club meeting Professor Van Valkenburg from Clark University gave an enlightening lecture on the mid-east situation. His talk centered around Palestine and the situation between Israel and Egypt. Everyone found Mr. Van Valkenburg to be an interesting and informative speaker. At the present time there are no specific plans for the future.

The next meeting of the INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB will be held in Dr. Jones' room on January 11. Dr. Samuel Bachrach will be the guest speaker. His topic will be the Near East Crisis, a very prevalent subject in today's world. This promises to be a very interesting meeting. Plans are already in the process of final confirmation by the Steering Committee for the rest of the school year.

Officers of the LITERARY CLUB this year are: President — Mary Walsh; Vice-President — Eleanor Reardon; Secretary — Kathleen Desy; Treasurer — Norine Mattimore; Social Chairman — Frances Noonan. A highlight of the social calendar was the trip to Wellesley to hear Robert Frost read a selection of his favorite poems. The evening was further enriched when a few of the club members had the opportunity of meeting the beloved literary figure.

The annual Christmas Party for orphans will be replaced by a Valentine party.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS is busily preparing for the annual Mardi-Gras. The date to hold open for this event is March 2nd. A Christmas package is already on its way to "Annie", a young French girl in Africa. This year the French Club will also have a Christmas party.

The STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION wishes to express its gratitude to all of those students and faculty members who in any way helped in our Thanksgiving project of providing dinners for needy families. Through your contributions we were able to provide complete dinners for eight families, and fruit baskets for two other families. We would also like to give recognition to the management of Manzi's Market on Shrewsbury street through whose generosity we were able to purchase more food than otherwise would have been possible. As Shakespeare says in *Twelfth Night*, "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks", so we say in behalf of the families who received your Thanksgiving gifts "thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."

E. O.K.

5 Years Ago – W. S. T. C.

The president of our college, Eugene A. Sullivan was appointed by the State Atomic Energy Commission to train personnel in atomic bomb defense in the Worcester County area.

On December 9, the Glee Club presented a Christmas Carol program at Cushing Veteran's Hospital.

Miss Mary C. Mahan was queen of the Junior Prom. John McGrail played the role of Father in the Dramatic Club's presentation of "Father of the Bride."

Theresa Burke and Pat Palmer, two senior members of the A. C. E., attended a conference at Wheelock College. Robert Spayne was editor-in-chief of the Acorn.

In the latter part of November, Miss Eunice Avery spoke to the college assembly on "Iran and the Near East."

Barbara Bucca was general chairman of the annual Christmas party held by the Newman Club.

On November 20th, the Senior Class staged a show, "Seniorities," which was under the direction of James Heuser.

Richard Clifford was president of the Debating Society.

An unusual Christmas tree was on exhibit in Miss Shaw's room. Its ornaments were made from unusual scrap materials, such as walnuts, sea shells, bottle caps, alphabet macaroni, marshmallows and cheerios.

The Literary Club held their meeting at the Old Mill in Westminster. Father Brennan, Shakespearian professor at Holy Cross, was the guest speaker.

Stanley Warner was president of Le Cercle Francais.

The Cultural and Political History class took a field trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Under the careful guidance of Miss McKelligett, the college had been decorated in the Christmas spirit.

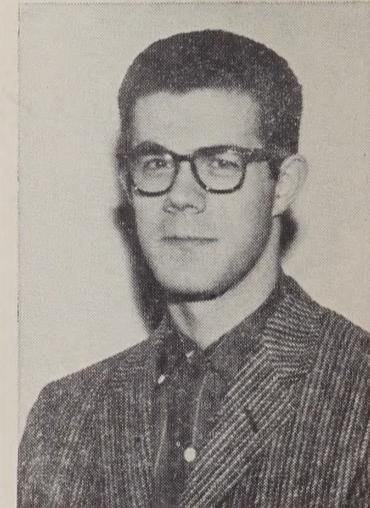
"Whatever your lot in life, build something on it."

J.M.T.

SENIORS ON PARADE



CLAIRE CAVANAUGH



ARTHUR DELPRETE

Arthur, better known as "Del", is our Student Council President from Framingham. He attended Framingham High where he was a member of the Student Council and Sports Editor for the school paper, the *Student Crier*. "Del" actively participated in sports both in and out of school.

At W.S.T.C. "Del" is following in the footsteps of his past years. As president of the Student Council, he carries a great deal of responsibility as leader of the student body, and our representative to conferences as well as collegiate meetings of various sorts. His scholastic achievements are of the highest standard as shown by his membership in Kappa Delta Pi.

Among "Del's" many varied interests are sports, reading, and journalism to mention a few. "Del" finds practice teaching enjoyable, and education interesting and challenging. His ambition is to someday become Superintendent of the Framingham Schools.

We salute you "Del" as a Future Teacher of America.

A. D. & A. A.

War is on its last legs; and a universal peace is as sure as is the prevalence of civilization over barbarism, of liberal governments over feudal forms. The question for us is only how soon?

R. W. Emerson 1849.



Faculty Profile

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cessor, General Naguib. While Nasser came into the Samirines and mixed with the "international set", few people realized then the important part he would play in world affairs.

On the whole, Dr. Shaw liked the Egyptian people and they liked him.

Shortly after his return from Egypt, another Fulbright was offered to Dr. Shaw. Our government invited him to go to Libya and aid in setting up a college in the King's palace in that country. Previous commitments, however, made it necessary for him to refuse the invitation.

It is not surprising that officials in Washington should seek the services of Dr. Earl Shaw for he has a fine record of service to our country. During World War II he took a leave of absence from WSTC and worked in Washington with the Office of Strategic Services (O.S.S.) and the Board of Geographic Names. From June, 1945, until January, 1946, Dr. Shaw, serving in a civilian capacity, taught geography at the American University in Shrivenham, England. He was also sent to the University of Rotterdam in Holland to deliver lectures on geography to American servicemen.

One of the most unusual teaching experiences ever to confront Dr. Shaw took place in 1939. The World Federation of Education Association had scheduled a conference in Rio de Janeiro. President Vargas of Brazil, aware of the tense world political situation, and fearful that teachers might say too much about the war and its problems, provided the funds that he had promised for the conference but asked the group to conduct its

official business on board a ship at sea. In this setting, Dr. Shaw conducted classes and delivered lectures to one hundred and twenty-five students, all teachers. Since his salary and travel expenses were provided by Clark University, Cook's Travel Agency, and the Federation, this proved to be one of the most luxurious schools and professional conventions that any teacher could ever experience.

As an author, Dr. Shaw has to his credit two texts, *Principles of Human Geography*, and *World Economic Geography*, both published by Wiley, and more than sixty professional articles. "A Reconnaissance Journey in the South Sudan", a fascinating article which appeared in *The Journal of Geography*, Vol. LIV, No. 3, March, 1955, is based on the boat trip down the Nile that Dr. Shaw took in 1953, and describes the land and the inhabitants of the South Sudan. In recent years Dr. Shaw has also served as an editor for *Coronet Films*.

A member of many professional organizations, Earl Shaw was elected president of the National Council of Geography Teachers in 1949. He is the Associate Editor of two magazines, *The Journal of Geography* and *The Journal of Economic Geography*. Among professional organizations which claim him as a member are The American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of American Geographers, The International Geographical Union, the honor science society Sigma Xi, the Gamma Chi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, and a long list of others.

One wonders how any individual as busy as Dr. Shaw can manage to find time for all that he does, yet, busy as he is he has still found time to serve as a visiting professor in several schools. On two separate occasions he has been on the faculty of the University of Puerto

Rico. He has also been a professor of geography at the summer sessions of Clark University, the University of Pittsburgh, Columbia University, State Teachers College at Buffalo, and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Regardless of what school Dr. Shaw's students may come from, they all have one thing in common . . . a feeling of deep respect for this fine gentleman. A master teacher, Earl Shaw can be characterized as friendly, cheerful, understanding, and cooperative. The admiration that students feel is best exemplified by the remarks of a student who had failed a geography examination . . . "When we get a low mark in a test, we feel ashamed, not because of what the score means to us personally, but because we feel that we have hurt Dr. Shaw and done him a grave injustice."

On many trips, Mrs. Shaw accompanies her husband. Both agree that of all the places they have visited, the Alaskan Panhandle is the most beautiful, and their trip down the Nile, the most unique. In their opinion, Rio de Janeiro is the most beautiful city in the world. Their greatest single source of annoyance in connection with their travels has been the discomfort and threat of illness caused by insects.

Though teaching has never brought him the wealth that he might have known as a businessman, Dr. Shaw voices no regrets. "Teaching may not be the highest paying job", he said, "but it can be the happiest type of life and it offers the greatest opportunity for service." He feels too, that teachers usually have the time and money for travel and that it is the best way to know people.

Too frequently people have a tendency to forget their best manners when they travel. In this regard, Dr. Shaw commented, "You

JUST JAZZ

Anyone who includes among his friends a jazz buff may well notice a change in said friend's appearance during the coming year. Gone will be the drooping eyelid, the sallow complexion, the palsied hand — all the evidence of insufficient sleep. Your friend's earlier bedtime hour will not be due to any New Year's resolution, however, but rather to the disappearance of his favorite wee-hour companion — Steve Allen of the late show.

During the long life of his five-week program, Mr. Allen has done more to present good jazz to us provincials than has the rest of television put together. With his knowledge of music and good taste, he has not only brought before the cameras the best jazzmen in the world, but—and this is the important thing—he has presented them in a manner which has done justice to them and credit to himself.

Other programs, if they occasionally present a jazz group, do not consider the music and the musician to be sufficient entertainment to be allowed to appear by themselves. This has led to such unholy alliances as Louis Armstrong and Helen Traubel, and Pearl Bailey and James Melton. On the Allen show, jazz is considered its own *raison d'être*, something that can be fed to the public without being sugar-coated or watered down. The result of this forthright treatment

has been—for us, at least—some of the swingingest moments in television. Only the other night we caught a group assembled by Leonard Feather, an "all-star" band which included Horace Silver, Tal Farlow, Art Blakey, Oscar Pettiford, Dizzy Gillespie, J. J. Johnson, and Tony Scott! If a group of this caliber has been presented on any other network show, it certainly escaped our notice; and yet, this was not extraordinary for Mr. Allen's program.

Possibly Mr. Allen's successor will continue the policy toward jazz which has been established; if so, we will be among his most devoted viewers. In any event, we jazz lovers owe Mr. Allen a vote of thanks for being the most refreshing oasis in an arid medium.

—Don Fancy.

Senior Scoops

Once again it's time for sugar and spice from the Seniors, and Spy 13 has reported that HAZEL SHER is still mooning over her two huskies. That gleam in her eye, though, seems to indicate that someone will be getting a break soon.

PAT PEARSALL is setting the example by being faithful to Charlie. PHYLL POLUMBO has been on a

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Sports

THE KERNEL SAYS:

By DON HORAN

History Repeats Itself In Intramurals

Game after game went by the boards in the intramural football this fall, but when the two finalists faced each other in the final clash it was as if this game had been played before. Oh yes, there were different players, but it was the Junior Secondary and the Freshmen as was the case in '55 who now lined up at opposite ends of the Worcester State gridiron. It was a cold day, but the fans turned out in earnest to cheer on their favorites. The Juniors received and scored early on a pass to Fitzgerald in the end zone. After a series of plays the Freshmen hit pay-dirt when Sousa scored on a quick pass play. Time ran out and the score was deadlocked 6-6. In overtime the Juniors attempted a pass play on the fourth down, but

Freshman Seat-back, Dana Straight, intercepted and went all the way to wrap it up for the Freshmen.

Noel Zinkovich, George Sousa, Paul Welcome, Russell Stockwell, William Sullivan, Ralph Zona, Dana Straight, and Jim Toney made up the winning team.

Let's turn our attention to basketball. At present the varsity squad has twelve members which include: Seniors: McGovern, Zaido, Johnson and Lane; Juniors: McDevitt; Sophomores: Bill and Bob Dunn, King and Chelo; Freshmen: Welcome, George and O'Leary. The Jayvee squad includes Juniors: Halliday, Fitzgerald and Trainer; Sophomores: Beauchamp, Costello and Simancini; Freshmen: Donovan, Flynn and Fitzgerald.

The deadline of this writing preceded the opening game at Providence with Rhode Island College of Education. The experts figure Zaido, Bob Dunn, Chelo, George and last year's leading scorer, Paul "Dipper" King, will take the floor for the Lancers at the "tap." Here's hoping this unit will be as successful as last year's Conference Champs.

Ed. Note:—W. S. T. C. defeated R.I.C.E. 60-38 with King and McGovern showing the way for Worcester with 14 and 12 in that order.

"US GIRLS"

Jean Jackola

WANTED—Girl Athletes!!!

You don't even need to be a girl athlete, merely being a girl will do as long as you have an interest and have the time to go W.A.A.

We realize that many of you are not able to take an active part in the activities planned for you by the board. Your reason may be one of health, transportation, or a favorite pastime of ours—homework. Whatever the reason may be, we do understand, but would enjoy meeting with you again.

Your board has attempted to increase the number of girls participating in our activities by carefully scheduling such activities as volleyball during the noonhour.

Only by your co-operation and participation will the board realize if it has struck upon the solution to its problem—and yours.

I wonder how many of you realize what could occur. If the decision is ever made that the W.A.A. is no longer effective and necessary because the women students fail to show an interest—then, the W.A.A. may well cease to be.

Certainly not this year, nor perhaps next, but the following year when the Juniors and Seniors have graduated, and the Freshmen and Sophomores are left to carry on, we may see a change in the W.A.A. At the present time it seems to be the Juniors and Seniors who are supporting the organization. Let's go Freshmen and Sophomores.

Let's show the upper classmen! Let's show the board! Let's show

ourselves that we appreciate what W.S.T.C. offers to the "athletic" you.

The board that I have mentioned so frequently is comprised of the following:

President—Joan Eagan.

Vice President—Jean Allen.

Secretary—Dorothy Sullivan.

Treasurer—Grace Powers.

Other members are

Freshmen: Joan Kokina and Carolyn Sinnott.

Sophomores: Sue Faron and Jean Jackola.

Juniors: Carol Roseen and Betty Ohman.

Seniors: Eva Cellularo and Janet Lindberg.

They are your representatives. Give them some ideas to represent!!!!

An Open Letter To Santa

'Twas the day 'fore vacation,
And all through the college
Not a professor nor student
Was thinking of knowledge!
No thoughts of tests and books, but
instead

Visions of parties dance in our
heads!

Thus in our gay and festive
mood, we write a letter.

Dear Santa,

Please bring:

Plenty of workers and material
to Elaine Moore and Kay Bergstrom, Co-editors of our yearbook;

a new brief case for Dr. Bernstein; a recording contract for Mickey Moran singing "Six Little Pigs in the Straw with their Mother"; a trunk cover to match the rest of

Dee McGrail's "Imperial"; cartons of cigarettes for the O.P. smokers; a new pair of gym socks for Joe Sarli; plenty of sun-tan lotion for

Jean Schreiter's trip to Florida; a royal road to learning for the boys in calculus; dictionary of Egyptian names for Jacky Murray; mimeographed copies of term papers for the Secondaries; a one-way ticket to Mt. Palomar for all climate

students.

A Christmas Rose to . . .

Our Queen for a Knight, Carol Flynn, and her Princesses, Helen Such and Joyce Jones . . . many helping hands, wonderful decorations, spirited turn-out; in all, another credit for the illustrious Juniors.

Best wishes to Mary Lee, who didn't wait 'til Christmas to get her present.

So, until next year, A Merry

Christmas to all! A Happy New Year to All!

J. P. & S. R.

TURN TABLE TALK

And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins.

Matt. 1:21

Being in the midst of the Christmas season we'd like to deviate from our usual type of column and bring you the stories of Christmas Past and Christmas Present.

On a cold and SILENT NIGHT, during THE FIRST SNOWFALL OF THE WINTER, Mary and Joseph travelled many miles to the LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM. They came upon a stable and, because there was no room at the Inn, they decided to stay there. Here in this simple surrounding MARY'S BOY CHILD, Jesus, was born AWAY IN THE MANGER. IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR that the shepherds in the fields saw a bright and shiny star and heard the HERALD ANGELS SING, "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL." The angels told them of the birth of the child and in wonderment they asked, "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?". The shepherds then followed the star to the stable, fell on their knees, and prayed to the LITTLE CHRIST CHILD. Soon three strangers came bringing gifts and singing "WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE". The news of the wondrous birth spread far and wide. People came from many lands to honor their Lord and Saviour and to express their JOY TO THE WORLD. The angels went to TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN. To all they told the story of THE FIRST NOEL and spread PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN.

Now to get back to the present. During the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, shopping was being done to the accompaniment of SILVER BELLS. Many people were writing home saying, "Since THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, please expect me. ILL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!" Suddenly, before anybody realized it, 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Everybody wanted to DECK THE HALLS and to prepare for SANTA CLAUS' COMING TO TOWN. Johnnie prepared also. Before he went to bed he left Santa a note saying, "Mommy said that because I was naughty I'M GETTIN' NOTHIN' FOR CHRISTMAS. Please Santa, ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH. If I don't get them it will be a very BLUE CHRISTMAS for me." In the meantime, Santa Claus started out on his SLEIGH RIDE through the WINTER WONDERLAND. The reindeers' JINGLE BELLS provided the appropriate theme. Of course, RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSE REINDEER was their leader. As Johnnie fell asleep visions of the proverbial sugar plums danced in his head. He also dreamt he SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS, and that his friend, FROSTY, THE SNOWMAN, came to life. The next morning he awoke HEARING THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

to Baltimore. Were those really shoes that MAL STEWART had on one day? (We thought you were from outer space, MAL.)

I wonder why nobody told me that JOAN MORAN and STEVE celebrated one year of dating in October. One thing I did hear was that CORRINE SHEA is driving extra carefully these days, (and for a pretty special reason). ELLY POQUISTO seems to prefer Boston Beans, especially those at M.I.T. Best wishes go to ADELE ABOOD on her recent engagement. With all these engagements and weddings taking place a gal can develop a complex, (nothing personal!).

Everybody is glad to see that PENNY DEFALCO'S leg injury is healing. BARBARA BIRCH has landed a teaching job and we wish her luck. Now perhaps she can support MOE. (wait, it's all in fun * * * !!).

Well, the Snooper is pooped from all this gadding about so until next issue — watch out, you're being watched.

CINDY.

ASSEMBLY REVIEW

On November 2, Dr. Francis H. Taylor presented a very interesting and educational lecture entitled "The Role of the Art Museum in the Humanities." One theme that Dr. Taylor stressed was that the only pattern we can hold up in the light of education seekers is in the pattern of history — the mistakes of the past, biographies, the novel, and artifacts of the past. Today we are exposed to masses of printed words. In the 18th and 19th centuries, newspapers were published infrequently. Dr. Taylor feels that the average layman would then devote himself to reading for knowledge. Today we are exposed to more words in one newspaper than they were exposed to in one month. This has resulted in eye fatigue, less time to be selective, and less time to read for pleasure. Meanwhile, substitutes have to be made to compress the printed word as a time and fatigue saver. Dr. Taylor feels we must recapture our sense of expression as well as the ability to read and understand.

Another phase of Dr. Taylor's lecture was an interesting treatment of Art. Art, says Dr. Taylor, sharpens our judgments and gives us a clue as to what may happen in the future. The novelist looks for the Utopia; he looks to the future. The historian lives after the event; he looks to the past. But the artist is endowed with an enlarged vision; he puts down in a medium an object in terms of the present, an accurate representation of history as it was being made in the progress, and judging from his representation, possibly the results of the thinking, politics, and science of that period.

Dr. Taylor told the assembly much about the Worcester Art Museum of which many of us were ignorant. The museum is small but well selected. It covers five thousand years of art. Dr. Taylor has served as director for 10 years. The library contains twenty thousand volumes selected by a series of libraries. There is also a large collection of photographs, lantern slides, and records.

Dr. Taylor pointed out the fact that education means more than the strict routine of teaching. There must be development of self as well as the student, a world familiarity and sense of the past.

We must teach people to know a little something of themselves. Someday we may be called upon to teach a subject well beyond our depth, and we must face up to it.

In concluding Dr. Francis H. Taylor said: "We must have intellectual curiosity in order to become better teachers after we have graduated."

—Marcia Balzarini.